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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method of treating a patient afflicted with a medical disorder selected from the group consisting of ~~rheumatoid arthritis and inflammatory bowel disease~~ psoriasis, renal failure due to ischemia, and viral hepatitis, the method comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of an IL-18 antagonist antibody that binds the IL-18 receptor component of SEQ ID NO:4.
2. *(Withdrawn)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the IL-18 antagonist is soluble IL-18 receptor.
3. *(Withdrawn)* The method of Claim 2; wherein the soluble IL-18 receptor is a heterodimeric receptor.
4. *(Canceled)*
5. *(Canceled)*
6. *(Currently Amended)* The method of Claim [[4]]1, wherein the antibody is a humanized antibody.
7. *(Original)* The method of Claim 6, wherein the antibody is a single-chain antibody.
8. *(Withdrawn)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the IL-18 antagonist is a soluble IL-18 binding protein.
9. *(Currently amended)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the IL-18 antagonist antibody is administered one or more times per week.

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10. *(Currently amended)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~IL-18 antagonist~~
antibody is administered by subcutaneous injection.

11. *(Currently amended)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~IL-18 antagonist~~
antibody is administered in combination with one or more compounds selected from
the group consisting of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; analgesics; systemic
steroids; antagonists of inflammatory cytokines; anti-inflammatory cytokines;
antibodies against T cell surface proteins; anthralin; vitamin D3 and its analogs; oral
retinoids; salicylic acid; methotrexate; cyclosporine; hydroxyurea; and sulfasalazine.

12. *(Currently amended)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~IL-18 antagonist~~
antibody is administered in combination with a TNF inhibitor.

13. *(Original)* The method of claim 12 wherein the TNF inhibitor is TNFR:Fc.

14. *(Currently amended)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~IL-18 antagonist~~
antibody is administered in combination with an antagonist to a cytokine selected
from the group consisting of IFN γ , TGF β , IL-6 and IL-8.

15. *(Currently amended)* The method of Claim 12 wherein the ~~IL-18 antagonist~~
antibody and TNF inhibitor are administered in combination with an antagonist to a
cytokine selected from the group consisting of IFN γ , TGF β , IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, and
IL-15.